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Sir:

The information listed below may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of the information and completed PTO-1449 forms are submitted herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make this information of official record in the application. The information includes:

United States Patent No. 4,945,050, to Sanford, issued July 31, 1990; United States Patent No. 5,100,792, to Sanford et al., issued March 31, 1992; United States Patent No. 5,120,657, to McCabe et al., issued June 9, 1992;

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